

## **RULES FOR THE 2018 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION**

### **PROCEDURES FOR THE AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE 2018 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM**

#### **RULE #14**

The Platform Committee's Draft Report shall be sent to all Convention delegates no later than January 3, 2018.

#### **A. AMENDMENT PROCESSES:**

The Platform is a statement of principles and any amendments must be germane to the Platform. If any delegate wishes to amend the Draft Platform, then the delegate shall follow the process outlined below:

1. Each delegate must submit, in writing, to be received by the CDP Sacramento Office no later than January 24, 2018, at 5 PM, the delegate's written amendments to the Platform Committee's Draft Report. Said written amendments must be signed by five (5) different members of the Democratic State Central Committee or five (5) registered Democrats from five (5) different Assembly Districts and must include their addresses, phone numbers, and the Assembly District in which they reside; one, and only one, of which shall be identified as the sponsor of the amendment.
  - (a) The Platform Committee shall meet or conference call by Friday, February 23, 2018 to consider all written amendments submitted with the five (5) valid signatures. The Platform Committee, at its pleasure, may take any additional testimony it desires and may, by majority vote, adopt an amendment, or any part thereof. Should any amendment or any part thereof be adopted, then said amendment shall become part of the Platform Committee's Draft Report.
  - (b) If said amendment, or part thereof, is not adopted, then said amendment may be brought to the floor of the Convention only if all the submission and certification provisions of Rule 14, Section A, 2 of these Rules are met.
  - (c) All amendments, or any parts thereof, which are adopted by the Platform Committee shall be made available to all delegates at the Convention, promptly after the Friday Platform meeting.
2. An amendment which had been timely submitted by January 24, 2018, at 5 PM, but failing to be adopted in its original form, may be submitted by its sponsor in writing, in whole or part thereof, to the Secretary of the Convention no later than Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 5:00 PM on a form provided by California Democratic Party Platform staff. Said amendment must be signed by no fewer than three hundred (300) credentialed delegates to the Convention (or their qualified credentialed proxies), and must contain the name, phone numbers, Assembly District, and signature of the original sponsor of the amendment.
  - (a) The Secretary of the Convention shall certify each amendment by determining there are no fewer than three hundred (300) delegate signatures are valid.
  - (b) No later than 6:30 PM on Saturday, February 24, 2018, the Platform Committee shall meet to review each amendment certified by the Secretary of the Convention. All sponsors of each amendment must attend this meeting; failure to do so shall void the submission of the amendment, unless excused by majority vote of the Platform Committee. The Platform Committee may, at its pleasure, take any additional testimony it desires and may, by majority vote, adopt said amendment, or any part thereof. Should any amendment, or any part thereof, be adopted, then said amendment shall become part of the Platform Committee's Draft Report.
  - (c) If said amendment is not adopted in its entirety, then the amendment or any part not adopted, shall be introduced to the full Convention for debate and vote.
  - (d) All amendments, or any part thereof, which are adopted by the Platform Committee shall be made available to each delegate at the time that they enter the Convention Hall for Sunday morning

session.

- (e) The sponsor of the amendment may, at any time, withdraw the amendment from consideration by the Platform Committee or the Convention delegates.

## **B. ADOPTION PROCESS**

1. On Sunday, February 25, 2018 the Platform Committee shall present its Draft Report to the Convention for its approval. The Convention shall follow the below-listed procedures when considering the Draft Report and amendments thereto:
  - (a) The Draft Platform Report shall be presented by persons chosen by the co-chairs of the Platform Committee.
  - (b) As each report is completed, the co-chairs of the Platform Committee shall call on each sponsor of an amendment to present their amendment and said presentation shall be no longer than four (4) minutes.
  - (c) After each amendment has been presented by its sponsor, then the opponents of the amendments shall have four (4) minutes to present their position. Debate will be automatically closed unless a motion is made to extend debate and adopted by a majority vote. Said extension shall not exceed four (4) minutes equally divided between opponents and proponents to the amendments.
  - (d) Following the debate on the amendment, delegates shall vote on the amendment.
2. Following the presentation of each report and after the amendments have been voted on, then the delegates shall, by majority vote, adopt or reject each report. The final report of the Convention shall be known as the California Democratic Party Platform.
3. The co-chairs of the Platform Committee are authorized to make any punctuation, grammatical, or spelling changes as needed in the Final Report.